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FOR THE

ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

**RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH
COLLABORATIVE.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**Section 1. TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE CREATED--
PURPOSE. --**

**A. The "technology research collaborative" is
created. The New Mexico institute of mining and technology
shall be the fiscal agent for the collaborative.**

**B. Participating institutions associated with the
collaborative shall include national laboratories, other major
research institutes and all the post-secondary institutions of
New Mexico.**

C. The purposes of the collaborative are to:

(1) establish advanced technology centers

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1 based on the wealth of scientific and technical talent that
2 exists in the member institutions;

3 (2) develop and create new intellectual
4 property for the state and encourage new opportunities for
5 business and increased jobs;

6 (3) commercialize the intellectual property;
7 and

8 (4) create a work force to support enterprises
9 based on the intellectual property.

10 D. The collaborative may receive appropriations
11 from the legislature through the board of regents of the New
12 Mexico institute of mining and technology and may receive any
13 other items of value from public or private sources.

14 E. The "board of the technology research
15 collaborative" is created. The board shall consist of eleven
16 members as follows:

17 (1) the governor, or the governor's designee,
18 who shall chair the collaborative;

19 (2) three members representing higher
20 education, two of whom shall be from research institutions, all
21 appointed by the governor;

22 (3) five members at large, appointed by the
23 governor;

24 (4) the director of Sandia national
25 laboratories, or the director's designee; and

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1 (5) the director of Los Alamos national
2 laboratory, or the director's designee.

3 F. Appointed members shall serve for two-year terms
4 at the pleasure of the governor. Members serve until their
5 successors have been appointed. The governor may fill any
6 vacancy on the board for the remainder of an unexpired term.

7 G. The board may elect officers as it deems
8 necessary to carry out its duties. A majority of the members
9 of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
10 business, and shall meet four times per year. Board members
11 shall not vote by proxy.

12 H. Public members of the board shall receive per
13 diem and mileage pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act and
14 shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or allowance.

15 I. The board shall:

16 (1) employ a director and other staff, who
17 shall be exempt from the provisions of the Personnel Act, as
18 the board deems necessary to provide continuity and management
19 of the collaborative; and

20 (2) prepare annual reports to the legislature
21 on expenditures and progress of the collaborative.